

PUBLIC NOTICE

2013-2015 EXPERIMENTAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA/ U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ALLIGATOR HARVEST BID SPECIFICATIONS WLF-WMAALGHTR-13

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) will select eligible hunters to harvest alligators on certain Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) properties. Selection is based on a bid system which is described in this notice. The WMAs/USACOE properties involved include Grassy Lake, Spring Bayou, and Pomme de Terre (Avoyelles Parish), Attakapas (Iberia, St. Martin and St. Mary Parishes), Sherburne - USACOE Lands (Iberville, Pointe Coupee and St. Martin Parishes), Dewey Wills (La Salle and Catahoula Parishes), Manchac (St. John Parish), Pearl River - North of Interstate 10, Pearl River - Between Interstate 10 and US Hwy 90 and Pearl River - South of US Hwy 90 (St. Tammany Parish), Joyce (Tangipahoa Parish), Maurepas Swamp (St. John, St. James, Ascension, Livingston and Tangipahoa Parishes), Indian Bayou - USACOE property (St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes), Atchafalaya Delta (St. Mary Parish), Pointe-aux-Chenes (Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes), Salvador (St. Charles Parish) and Pass-a-Loutre (Plaquemines Parish).

Hunter(s) and approximate tag allotments for the WMAs/USACOE properties are as follows:

WMA/USACOE Property	LDWF Office	Parish(es)	# of Hunters*	# of Tags per Hunter*	Total Tags*
GRASSY LAKE WMA	Opelousas	Avoyelles	1	25	25
SPRING BAYOU WMA	Opelousas	Avoyelles	1	81	81
POMME DE TERRE WMA	Opelousas	Avoyelles	1	12	12
ATTAKAPAS WMA	Opelousas	Iberia, St. Martin, St. Mary	1	35	35
SHERBURNE USACOE LANDS	Opelousas	Iberville, Pt. Coupee, St. Martin	1	33	33

DEWEY WILLS WMA	Opelousas	La Salle, Catahoula	1	20	20
MANCHAC WMA	Hammond	St. John	2	66	132
PEARL RIVER WMA - North of I-10	Hammond	St. Tammany	1	36	36
PEARL RIVER WMA - I-10 to Hwy 90	Hammond	St. Tammany	1	74	74
PEARL RIVER WMA - South of Hwy 90	Hammond	St. Tammany	1	83	83
JOYCE WMA	Hammond	Tangipahoa	2	76	152
MAUREPAS SWAMP WMA	Hammond	St. John, St. James, Ascension, Livingston, Tangipahoa	10	75	750
INDIAN BAYOU (USACOE)	Opelousas	St. Landry, St. Martin	1	20	20
ATCHAFALAYA DELTA WMA	New Iberia	St. Mary	1	70	70
POINTE-AUX-CHENES WMA	New Orleans	Lafourche, Terrebonne	1	50	50
SALVADOR WMA	New Orleans	St. Charles	1	57	57
PASS-A-LOUTRE WMA	New Iberia	Plaquemines	2	70	140

* Approximate numbers, subject to change without notification

Previous alligator harvest records indicate 95-100% of tag quota should be filled. Average size of harvested alligators should be approximately 7' in length. These figures may vary depending on area and environmental conditions.

NO guiding/outfitting activities for sport alligator hunting will be allowed while conducting alligator harvest activities on WMAs/USACOE properties. Selected hunters will not be allowed to participate in any television or reality show production. Any video activity must be specifically approved by Area Manager.

Applicants will submit bids as to the **percentage** of the hide and meat income they are willing to **pay** to LDWF. The bid percentage applies to the total income of **hide and meat** whether alligators are sold whole or hide and meat is sold separately. Only one bid percentage for hide and meat income may be submitted per WMA/USACOE property. If alligators are sold whole the total income will be determined

by the Dealer Sale Transaction forms and must reflect both **feet and inches** of each hide and **price per foot paid**. If alligator hide and meat are sold separately, the total hide income will be determined as per previously described and the total meat income will be determined by the Dealer Sale Transaction forms and must reflect the **total weight (pounds)** of meat sold, whether the meat was **bone-in** carcass or **deboned** and **corresponding tag numbers** associated with the alligator meat sold. The highest bidders will be selected, provided that the bidder meets the minimum criteria and the bid application form is also acceptable. In case of a tie bid, the most qualified applicant, as determined by LDWF, will be the bid winner. The minimum acceptable bid is 40.00%, do not split percentage points smaller than quarters (i.e...42.25, 42.50, 42.75, 43.00). Bid application forms will be accepted up until 10:00 a.m. on June 13, 2013 in Room 240 of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, La. 70898. Bid opening will be held at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building, 4th Floor Conference Room, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, La. 70898. Winning bidders will be notified of selection by phone and are required to come in and sign a contract at a later date. At that time, license and tags will be issued to the hunter. Only one winner allowed per household. An individual can apply and bid on more than one WMA/USACOE property but will only be selected for one WMA/USACOE property. Bidders applying for more than one area must fill out individual applications for each WMA/USACOE property. In the event that one bidder is the highest on more than one WMA/USACOE property, selection of the WMA/USACOE property hunted will be decided at the hunter's discretion.

If the selected hunter's annual alligator hunting performance is satisfactory to the Department they will be awarded the bid for a total of three years (2013, 2014 and 2015). Performance evaluations will be based on:

- 1) Tags utilized
- 2) Compliance with all alligator hunting and WMA/USACOE rules and regulations
- 3) Compliance with other wildlife regulations
- 4) Timely submission of payment and required paperwork

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to submit a bid:

- 1) Applicants must be a Louisiana resident at least 18 years of age.
- 2) Previous alligator hunting experience in Louisiana.
- 3) Ownership of/or access to essential equipment for alligator hunting on the WMA/USACOE property they are bidding on.
- 4) Each applicant must be able to report to the WMA/USACOE property each morning until alligator tag quota is completed.
- 5) Ability to follow specific instructions issued by Department personnel.
- 6) Ability to maintain required records.
- 7) All applicants will be screened for past wildlife and criminal violations. Applicants with felony convictions or with Class Two or above wildlife convictions, WMA/USACOE violations or littering within the last five years, as determined by the Enforcement Division, shall be disqualified.

Do not request an application unless you can meet the previously mentioned criteria. Potential bidders that meet these criteria and are interested in participating in this experimental alligator harvest on various WMAs/USACOE properties can print out bid application notifications and forms from LDWF's website at www.wlf.louisiana.gov/wildlife/alligator-hunting, be requested by phone at the phone numbers below or from the following address:

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
2013-2015 WMA Alligator Harvest Bids
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, La. 70898-9000

If additional information is needed, please call the appropriate LDWF office (Hammond 985-543-4777, Opelousas 337-948-0255, Monroe 318-343-4044, New Iberia 337-373-0032, New Orleans 504-

284-5264). The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Completed bid application forms must be received by 10:00 a.m. on June 13, 2013 in Room 240 of the LDWF Office at 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, La. 70898. Bid application forms can be mailed to LDWF 2013 WMA Alligator Bids, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, La. 70898-9000, Attn: Purchasing Department (Room 240). However, bidders are hereby notified that LDWF is not responsible for any delays caused by the bidder's chosen method of bid delivery. The U.S. Postal Service does not make deliveries to LDWF's physical location. Failure of bid to reach Room 240 by the designated time and date shall result in rejection of the bid.